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**WEST VIRGINIA TECHNICAL GUIDE
SECTION I**

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Purpose: To transmit an updated Labor and Equipment Rates for all Farm Bill Programs titled "**FARM BILL PROGRAMS LABOR & EQUIPMENT RATES-2006**" for the Field Office Technical Guide.

Background: This list is to be used when preparing payments for all Farm Bill Programs. Additional copies can be downloaded from the e-FOTG.

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**FARM BILL PROGRAMS
LABOR & EQUIPMENT RATES
2006**

Labor Rates:

Labor Rate (manual hand) = \$12.00/hr.
Labor Rate (skilled laborer) = \$15.00/hr.

Equipment Rates:

Chainsaw and/or power equipment w/Operator = \$15.00/hr.
Tractor (30+hp) & Attachment w/Operator = \$45.00/hr.
Tractor (<30hp) & Attachment w/Operator = \$25.00/hr.
4-Wheeler or Equivalent & Attachment w/Operator = \$20.00/hr.

Backhoe (rubber tired) w/Operator = \$50.00/hr.
Machine Tree Planter w/Operator = \$46.00/hr.

<u>Bulldozer Horsepower</u>	<u>Comparative Equivalent</u>	<u>Acceptable Hourly Rate</u>
55-89	D-4	\$61.00 (includes operator)
90-129	D-5	\$73.00 (includes operator)
130-165	D-6	\$86.00 (includes operator)
166 +		\$129.00 (includes operator)

<u>Excavator Horsepower</u>	<u>Comparative Equivalent</u>	<u>Acceptable Hourly Rate</u>
Less than 30	Bobcat	\$28.00 (includes operator)
30-54	Cat 304	\$38.00 (includes operator)
55-89	Cat 311 B	\$60.00 (includes operator)
90-129	Cat318 CL	\$81.00 (includes operator)
130-165	Cat 320 CU	\$93.00 (includes operator)

Farm Supplied Materials

Hay Bale (40 lb.) - \$2.00

Fence Post \$3.00